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SUMMARY. REPLY TO DPQ(73) INDICATED TURKEY IS MAKING STRONG EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT AD-70 AND NATO 1973-78 FORCE GOALS, ALTHOUGH COMMITMENT UNDERTAKEN FOR 1973 IS NOT MET IN TYPES OF ARMY UNITS AND IN NUMBER OF SHIPS. TURKISH EFFORT INCLUDES NATIONAL FUNDING OF A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MODERNIZATION PROJECTS, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT BEING THE ACQUISITION OF TWO F-4E ATTACK SQUADRONS. AMONG OTHER MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS (BOTH NATIONALLY AND EXTERNALLY FUNDED) ARE PLANS TO INCREASE ANTI-ARMOR, MARITIME AND ASW CAPABILITIES. EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES ARE BEING AUGMENTED THROUGH SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL MODERNIZATION REORGANIZATION FUNDING AND CLAIM CLOSE TO 16 PERCENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET IN 1973,  
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INCREASING TO OVER 17 PERCENT IN 1974. NEVERTHELESS, FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF NATO GOALS REMAINS CONTINGENT ON AVAILABILITY OF EXTERNAL AID, WHICH IS DECLINING. TOTAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ARE ESTIMATED TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY IN MONETARY

TERMS. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO IMPROVE WRM SITUATION FOR ALL THREE SERVICES. PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF ARMY IS NOT CLEAR, SUPPORTING THESIS THAT PERSONNEL SITUATION APPEARS TO BE IN A STATE OF FLUX. NAVY PERSONNEL STRENGTH IS CONSTANT AND AIR FORCE PERSONNEL INCREASES SLIGHTLY. USNATO PROPOSES A LOW KEY APPROACH TO NATO'S MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION, COMPLIMENTING TURKISH EFFORT TO NATIONALLY FUND MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS AND STRESSING NEED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS FIRST OUTLINED IN NATO REPORT ON STRENGTHENING LOCAL TURKISH FORCES. END SUMMARY.

1. FORCE.A. ARMY 1973 ARMY FORCE STRUCTURE DIFFERS SLIGHTLY FROM COMMITMENT UNDERTAKEN FOR 1973. DIFFERENCES APPEAR TO BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO REORGANIZATION OF SEVERAL MAJOR UNITS. 1974 COMMITMENT OF HIGH READINESS COMBAT UNITS CONSISTS OF ONE ARMORED, 2 MECHANIZED, ONE INFANTRY AND 10 "A" AND "B" TYPE INFANTRY DIVISIONS; 4 ARMORED, 4 MECHANIZED, 2 INFANTRY, AND 3 GENDARMERY BRIGADES; ONE BORDER RCT; 3 BATTALIONS AND 15 BATTERIES EIGHT INCH HOWITZER; AND 4 HONEST JOHN AND 2 ELECTRONIC WARFARE BNS. MOST OF THE ABOVE UNITS ARE IN OPERATIONAL READINESS STATUS A-1; 4 INFANTRY DIVISIONS, A FEW BRIGADES AND CORPS HEADQUARTERS ARE A-2 UNITS. 1973 COMMITMENT ALSO INCLUDES FOUR B-2 READINESS STATUS BRIGADES (2 INFANTRY AND 2 "B" TYPE INFANTRY). "A" TYPE INFANTRY DIVISIONS ARE COMPOSED OF 3 INFANTRY AND 1 ARMORED REGIMENTS; "B" TYPE DIVISIONS ARE COMPOSED OF 2 INFANTRY AND 1 MECHANIZED REGIMENTS. PROJECTED FORCE STRUCTURE FOR MAJOR UNITS FOR 1975-78 PERIOD SHOW SAME FORCES AS 1974 COMMITMENT. COUNTRY PLANS CONTINUE TO VARY SLIGHTLY FROM NATO 1973-78 FORCE GOALS; MOST NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE IS FORCE GOALS CALL FOR AN INCREASED NUMBER OF ARMORED CAVALRY RATHER THAN MECHANIZED BDES.

(1) EQUIPMENT AND LOGISTICS. MEMORANDUM STATES EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IS BASED ON AD-70 RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS AND PRIORITY IS BEING GIVEN TO MEASURES INCREASING CONVENTIONAL COMBAT CAPABILITY. IMPROVEMENT MEASURES ARE TO BE FOUNDED FROM NATIONAL RESOURCES, EXTERNAL AID, AND CREDIT MILITARY SALES.

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ARMY'S HOPES TO IMPROVE ARMOR, ANTI-ARMOR, AND MOBILITY (APCS) CAPABILITIES DEPEND LARGELY ON FOREIGN AID. OVER 250 APCS (M-113) AND CLOSE TO 200 RECOILLESS RIFELS (RR) ARE ADDED OVER 1974-78 PERIOD; EQUIPMENT TABLES SHOW NO INCREASES IN NUMBER OF TANKS. MEMORANDUM ADDS ANTI-TANK SQUADRONS ARE BEING ORGANIZED AND ACQUISITION OF TOW AND 90MM RR WEAPONS IS UNDER STUDY. 40MM OERLIKON ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPON IS BEING PROCURED WITH NATIONAL FUNDS. TURKEY IS SELF-PRODUCING RIFLES, MACHINE GUNS, AND PROTECTIVE MASKS AND SUITS. A FEW MEDIUM SIZE TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES ARE BEING ACQUIRED, BUT SHORTAGES IN TRANSPORT VEHICLES CONTINUE. MEMORANDUM INDICATED NIGHT-FIGHTING CAPABILITY IS ALSO BEING IMPROVED AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IS BEING MODERNIZED. TURKEY HAS UNDERWAY A 10 YEAR PROGRAM

TO INCREASE STOCKS TO 30 DAY LEVEL. IN 1973 130 MILLION  
TURKISH LIRA (TL) HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO WRM AND 100 MILLION  
TL FOR TRAINING AMMO. A GREAT PART OF THE AMMO IS PRODUCED  
LOCALLY. DESPITE IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS, OUT OF 15 AMMO ITEMS  
REPORTED IN 1973, 10 ARE SHOWN AS BELOW 17 DAYS. BY 1978 THE  
OVERALL AMMO SITUATION IMPROVES, HOWEVER ONLY AMMO FOR  
RECOILLESS RIFLES IS AT 30 DAYS OR MORE. TABLE ON PAYMENT  
SCHEDULES FOR AMMO SHOW MONEY GOING TOWARDS PROCUREMENT OF  
90MM TANK GUNS, COBRA ROCKET, HOWITZER AMMO, 81MM AND 4.2  
INCH MORTAR AMMO. CONSTRUCTION OF AMMO DEPOTS, BOTH PREFINANCED  
AND NATIONALLY FUNDED, IS WELL UNDERWAY. THERE ARE NO OPERATIONAL  
STOCKS FOR MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT.

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(2) PERSONNEL. FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTION REPORT ACTIVE  
DUTY STRENGTH AS ROUGHLY 374 THOUSAND FOR 1972, DECREASING  
GRADUALLY TO 360 THOUSAND BY 1978. SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION TABLES  
(SDT) REPORT A STRIKINGLY DIFFERENT LEVEL AND TREND: 224 THOUSAND  
AT END-1972, INCREASING TO 256 THOUSAND BY END-1978. PAST  
COUNTRY REPLIES AND CURRENT REPLY TO DPQ(73) INDICATE THAT  
PERSONNEL SITUATION IS IN A STATE OF FLUX. IN USNATO VIEW,  
TURKEY IS CONTINUING ITS SEARCH FOR MODERNIZATION FUNDS THROUGH  
GRADUAL PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS. DISCREPANCE BETWEEN FINANCIAL AND  
ECONOMIC SECTION AND SDT IS SO LARGE THAT WE ASSUME THERE HAS  
BEEN A BOOKKEEPING ERROR IN SDT. WE HAVE ASKED TURKISH  
DELEGATION TO VERIFY PERSONNEL FIGURES AND IF NECESSARY, WILL  
ALSO QUERY TURKEY AT MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION SESSION. MOST  
UNITS ARE MANNED WELL BELOW WAS. A VERY LOW NUMBER OF

RESERVISTS (APPROXIMATELY 3,000) ARE TO UNDERGO REFRESHER TRAINING IN 1973. MEMORANDUM STATES THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF TRAINING AIDS, FIELDS, AND FIRING RANGES.

B. NAVY. ALL NAVAL FORCES ARE UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND, THUS  
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TURKISH NAVAL FORCES NOT COMMITTED TO NATO IN FORMAL SENSE. 1973 NAVAL FORCES REPORTED IN DPQ(73) ARE SHY OF NAVAL STRUCTURE PROJECTED FOR 1973 IN DPQ(72) BY 4 DESTROYERS (OF WHICH 2 ARE GUIDED MISSILE), 8 SMALLER SHIPS (MINELAYERS, MINESWEEPERS, AND FAST PATROL BOATS (FPD)), 2 MARTIME PATROL AIRCRAFT (MPA), AND 3 ANTI-SUBMARINE HELICOPTERS (HPS). 1973 NAVAL STRUCTURE IS 2 GUIDED MISSILE FPB AND ONE MINELAYER ABOVE 1972 PROJECTION FOR THESE TYPES. MEMORANDUM INDICATES DELAYS IN DPQ(72) PROCUREMENT AND CONVERSION PLANS ARE DUE TO DEARTH OF FOREIGN AID AND NATIONAL BUDGETARY RESOURCES. DPQ(73) PROJECTS FOR 1974 10 CATEGORY A1, ONE B4, AND 3 C5 SUBMARINES; 7 A1, ONE B4 AND C5 DESTROYERS; 2 A1, ONE B4, AND ONE C5 DESTROYER ESCORTS; TWO A1 OCEAN RECORTS; 4 A1, ONE B3, AND ONE C5 COASTAL ESCORTS; 76 SMALLER SHIPS (MINELAYERS AND SWEEPERS, FAST PATROL BOATS, AND LANDING SHIPS AND CRAFTS); 14 S2 MPA; AND 6 HPS. FORCE STRUCTURE FOR REST OF PLANNING PERIOD, 1975-78, SHOWS INTRODUCTION OF SUBMARIENES, GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYERS, OCEAN ESCORTS, MINELAYER AND SWEEPERS, GUIDED MISSILE FAST PATROL BOATS, LANDING SHIPS AND CRAFTS, MPA AND ASW HELICOPTERS. MEMORANDUM STATES REDUCTION IN US AID HAS HAD A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON ATTAINMENT OF NATO 1973-78 FORCE GOALS. FULL IMPLMENTATION OF PROJECTED 1974-78 COUNTRY FORCE PLANS WOULD GO VERY LONG WAY TOWARDS MEETING NATO FORCE GOALS.

(1) EQUIPMENT AND LOGISTICS. NAVAL MODERNIZATION PLANS ARE CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH AD-70 RECOMMENDATIONS AND NATO FORCE GOALS. FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IS ACCORD WITH PROJECTED TIME SCHEDULE IS LINKED TO AVAILABILITY OF EXTERNAL AID. TURKEY HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT LACK OF FOREIGN AID DID NOT NECESSARILY MEAN MODERNIZATIONPROGRAM WOULD BE CANCELLED BUT THAT IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE STRETCHED OUT OVER A LONGER PERIOD. EQUIPMENT TABLES INDICATE INTRODUCTION OF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AND CONVERTED SHIPS OVER 1973 TO 78 PERIOD. SHIPS TO BE INTRODUCED INCLUDE 5 SUBMARINES (2 BEING CONSTRUCTED IN FRG UNDER A TURKISH-GERMAN COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENT); 6 GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYERS; 2 OCEAN ESCORTS (CONSTRUCTED IN TURKEY UNDER COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH US; ESCORTS TO BE EVENTUALLY FITTED WITH NATIONALLY FUNDED GUIDED MISSILES); SECOND MINELAYER FROM GERMANY; 4 MINESWEEPERS; 14 GUIDED MISSILE FPB'S (BOTH NEW AND CONVERTED);  
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4 LANDING SHIP TANKS; AND 11 LANDING CRAFT TANK UTILITY. MODERNIZATION PLANS ALSO INCLUDE PROCUREMENT OF 6 S2 MPA AND 16 HPS HELICOPTERS (AB 206), WHICH WILL INCREASE ANTI-SUBMARINE POSUTE, AND 6 MOBILE SHORE-TO-SHIP MISSILE SYSTEMS. MEMORANDUM ADDS THAT STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY TO ACQUIRE MODERN SURFACE-TO-SURFACE AND SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES FOR INSTALLATION ON DESTROYERS AND FPB'S. MEMORANDUM ALSO OUTLINES ELECTRONIC, COMMUNICATIONS, AND NAVIGATIONAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS. REPLY TO DPQ(73) IS NOT CLEAR ON PRECISE BREAKOUT BETWEEN NATIONALLY FUNDED AND EXTERNALLY SUPPORTED MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS. NATIONAL GOAL IS 90 DAYS OF WRM. AT END-1973 ONLY TWO ITEMS (SURFACE AMMUNITION AND COUNTER MINE EQUIPMENT) ARE BELOW INTERIM GOAL OF 30 COMBAT DAYS. BY END-1978, ALL ITEMS ARE REPORTED ABOVE 30 DAY LEVEL AND OVER 60 PERCENT OF THE REPORTED ITEMS ARE PROJECTED AT THE 90 DAY LEVEL. ACQUISITION OF JUST ABOUT ALL TYPES OF AMMO (SURFACE, ANTI-AIRCRAFT, ANTI-SUB AND SHIP TORPEDOES, MINES AND MISSILES) AND POL IS PLANNED.

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(2) PERSONNEL. SEPCIAL DISTRIBUTION TABLES REPORT ACTIVE DUTY STRENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 40 THOUSAND OVER 1973 TO 78 PERIOD (END-YEAR FIGURE). FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTION REPORTS ROUGHLY 42 THOUSAND (YEARLY AVERAGE) OVER SAME PERIOD. ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF ACTIVE PERSONNEL ARE CONSCRIPTS. BETWEEN 20 AND 25 PERCENT OF NAVAL PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED TO SHIPS. ALL READINESS CATEGORIES OF ACTIVE SHIPS ARE NAMMED AT 100 PERCENT OF WAS. RESERVE POOL CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 25 THOUSAND RESERVISTS, ALL OF WHOM ARE TO BE RECALLED DURING

FIRST 7 DAYS OF MOBILIZATION. LESS THAN 200 RESERVISTS ARE TO UNDERGO REFRESHER TRAINING IN 1973.

C. AIR FORCE. 1973 SQUADRON COMMITMENT TO NATO IS BEING MET. 1974 COMMITMENT CONSISTS OF TWO F-104G AND TWO F-100 STRIKE/ATTACK, FOUR F-100 ATTACK, ONE RF-84F AND TWO RF-5A RECCE, TWO F-102 AWX, THREE F-5A DAY FIGHTER, 3 TRANSPORT, AND 8 NIKE SQUADROWNS. BEGINNING IN 1975, TWO NATIONALLY FUNDED F-4E SQUADRONS ARE TO ENTER SERVICE IN THE ATTACK ROLE, FREEING AN F-5 SQUADRON AS A REPLACEMENT FOR RF-84F IN RECCE ROLE. DURING SECRET

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1975 TO 78 PERIOD, TURKEY ALSO HOPES TO INTRODUCE MODERN AWX, STRIKE/ATTACK AND TRANSPORT SQUADRONS; THESE MODERNIZATION PLANS ARE CONTINGENT ON AVAILABILITY OF EXTERNAL AID. IMPLEMENTATION OF MODERNIZATION PLANS WOULD REPRESENT LARGE START TOWARDS MEETING MOST OF NATO 1973-78 FORCE GOALS. NATO GOAL TO PROVIDE LOW ALTITUDE SAM BATTERIES CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED FOR FINANCIAL REASONS.

(1) EQUIPMENT AND LOGISTICS. EQUIPMENT PLANS ARE ORIENTED TOWARD QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS. HIGHLIGHT OF MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IS ACQUISITION WITH NATIONAL FUNDS OF 40 F-4 AIRCRAFT. EQUIPMENT TABLES INDICATE DELIVERY OF SOME 80 ADDITIONAL F-100'S THROUGH EXTERNAL AID IS ANTICIPATED IN 1973/74. A FOURTH F-100 ATTACK SQUADRON IS TO BE FORMED IN 1974, REPLACING AN F-5 SQUADRON WHICH IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO RECONNAISSANCE ROLE. PLANNED USE OF OTHER ADDITIONAL F-100S IS NOT SPELLED OUT. EQUIPMENT TABLES LIST 80 IMPROVED TYPE COMBAT AIRCRAFT (FOR STRIKE/ATTACK, AWX AND IDF ROLES) AND 16 MODERN TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AS BEING ADDED TO NATIONAL INVENTORY IN 1975 TO 78 PERIOD. THERE ARE NO KNOWN RESOURCES AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR ACQUISITION OF MODERN IMPROVED TYPE AIRCRAFT. FIVE C-130'S AND 3 C160'S ARE ALSO TO BE ADDED TO TURKISH AIR FORCE IN 1974/75. PROGRESS CONTINUES IN IMPLEMENTATING AIRCRAFT PHYSICAL PROTECTION PROGRAM. NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING CAMOUFLAGE, TONE-DOWN, RAPID RUNWAY REPAIR AND PERSONNEL SHELTERS WILL BE 80 PERCENT COMPLETED BY END-1973. AIRCRAFT SHELTER PROJECTS FOR 16 OUT OF 17 TACTICAL SQUADRONS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN INFRASTRUCTURE SLICES XXII TO XXIV; THE ONE REMAINING SQUADRON HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR SLICE XXV. THE TOTAL OF 17 AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS INCLUDES SOME IMPROVED TYPE SQUADRONS FOR WHICH FUNDING HAS NOT YET BEEN LOCATED. CONSTRUCTION FOR SHELTERS FOR 9 SQUADRONS STARTED IN APRIL/MAY 1973. MEMORANDUM STATES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE EARLY WARNING AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR 12 MOBILE RADARS. TWO RADARS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FROM NATIONAL FUNDS; THREE ARE PROGRAMMED IN FY 1973 MAP; THE REMAINING WILL BE IN FUTURE COUNTRY PLANS. OTHER AIR DEFENSE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE MODERNIZATION OF TWO OF THE EIGHT NIKE SQUADRONS; ONE WITH HIGH POWER ACQUISITION RADAR. THE SIX REMAINING SQUADRONS HAVE THE BASIC NIKE HERCULES

CONFIGURATION. IN NEAR FUTURE, NADGE INTEGRATION OF ALL NIKE  
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UNITS WILL BE COMPLETED. BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS AND  
TECHNICAL INSUFFICIENCIES, ECM SYSTEMS WILL NOT BE FITTED TO  
AIRCRAFT IN CURRENT INVENTORY. THE F-4E (ENTERING SERVICE IN  
1975) IS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH ECM WARNING RECEIVERS. COMMUNI-  
CATIONS EQUIPMENT IS ALSO BEING MODERNIZED. NATIONAL PLANS  
CONTINUE TO ENVISAGE GARDUALLY INCREASING WAR RESERVE STOCKS  
TO AT LEAST A 30 DAY LEVEL. ULTIMATE AIM IS A 90 DAY LEVEL.  
AMMUNITION TABLES INDICATE BY END-1973, 6 OUT OF 13 REPORTED  
ITEMS ARE AT 10 DAYS OR LESS; ONLY 4 ITEMS ARE AT 30 DAYS OR  
MORE. STOCK LEVEL IMPROVEMENTS ARE PROJECTED FOR MOST ITEMS  
AND BY 1978 ONLY 2.75 INCH ROCKETS (29 DAYS IN 1973), AND AIR  
MISSILES (LESS THAN 10 DAYS IN 1973) ARE AT 10 DAYS OR LESS.  
NOTEWORTHY IMPROVEMENTS OVER 1973-78 PERIOD ARE FOR 20 MM AMMO,  
ZUNI ROCKETS AND CBU'S. CURRENT WRM PROJECTIONS SEEM MUCH  
MORE REALISTIC THAN PAST ESTIMATES WHICH SIMPLY STRAIGHTLINED  
ALL ITEMS AS ACHIEVING 30 DAYS BY END OF PLANNING PERIOD.  
MEMORANDUM UNDERLINES THAT NATIONAL CROSS-SERVICING CAPABILITY  
IS TOO WEEK TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF EXTERNAL FORCES.

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(2) PERSONNEL. SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION TABLES (SDT) REPORT  
ACTIVE DUTY STRENGTH AT 44,537 AT END -1972, INCREASING TO  
47,296 BY END-1973 AND CONTINUING GRADUAL CLIMB TO 49,445 BY

END-1978. FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC TABLES SHOW SAME GRADUAL RISE IN PERSONNEL: FROM 45,785 IN 1972 TO 50,610 BY 1978. REGULARS MAKE UP A LITTLE OVER 40 PERCENT OF ACTIVE FORCE. CLOSE TO 35 THOUSAND RESERVISTS ARE TO BE RECALLED DURING FIRST 15 DAYS OF MOBILIZATION. ONLY 253 RESERVISTS ARE TO RECEIVE REFRESHER TRAINING IN 1973. RESERVE ROLLS INCREASE FROM 198 THOUSAND IN 1973 TO 232 THOUSAND BY 1978. MEMORANDUM REPORTS SHORTAGES IN TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICERS. AIRCREW/ AIRCRAFT RATIO IMPROVES IN PERIOD UNDER REVIEW. BY 1975 ALL SQUADRONS EXCEPT F-104 STRIKE/ATTACK ARE AT 1.5 TO 1.0 RATIO. IN 1976 F-104 REACHES 1.5:1.0 RATIO. ANNUAL FLYING HOURS PER AIRCREW VARY GREATLY DUE TO FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS.

## 2. DEFENSE EXPENDITURES.

### A. FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTION OF TURKISH REPLY TO DPQ(73) SECRET

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ESTIMATES FOLLOWING DEFENSE EXPENDITURES IN MILLIONS OF US DOLLARS AT 14 TURKISH LIRA (TL) TO THE DOLLAR:

|        | CURRENT PRICES |
|--------|----------------|
| FY1972 | 729            |
| FY1973 | 930            |
| FY1974 | 1,043          |

IN CURRENT PRICES, THE DEFENSE BUDGET INCREASES BY 27.6 PERCENT IN 1973 OVER 1972 AND BY 12.2 PERCENT IN 1974 OVER 1973. TURKEY ESTIMATES NEARLY A 20 PERCENT INCREASE IN REAL TERMS IN 1973 OVER 1972, DROPPING TO MORE REASONABLE LEVEL OF ROUGHTLY 5 PERCENT REAL INCREASE IN 1974 OVER 1973. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, TURKEY HAS ASSUMED THAT FUTURE DEFENSE BUDGET (NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL MODERNIZATION/REORGANIZATION FUNDING) WILL INCREASE IN VOLUME BY 12 PERCENT PER ANNUM.

B. PRICE DEFLATORS UTILIZED IN DPQ(73) APPEAR FAIRLY REASONABLE, PROVIDED RECENT EXCESSIVE PRICE INCREASES SLOW DOWN.

C. FIRST PORTION (TL 1 BILLION 810 MILLION) OF SUPPLEMENTAL TL 16 BILLION (AUTHORIZED IN A SPECIAL LAQIN JUNE 1973) TO BE USED OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD FOR MODERNIZATION/REORGANIZATION OF TURKISH ARMED FORCES IS INCLUDED IN 1973 DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. MOST OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS (ROUGHLY \$129 MILLION) SHOW UP UNDER CATEGORY "OTHER DEFENSE EXPENDITURES" BECAUSE ADDITIONAL FUNDS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ALLOCATED TO SPECIFIC EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES. REPLY TO DPQ(73) AGAIN EMPHASIZES THAT ADDITIONAL MONIES WILL BE USED MAINLY FOR PURCHASING MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT. REPLY ADDS THAT AUTHORITY TO SPEND AN ADDITIONAL TL 2.1 BILLION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO GENERAL COMMAND OF GENDARMERY. WE ASSUME THIS WOULD MEAN APPROXIMATELY \$15 MILLION PER YEAR IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE GENDARMERY. DPQ(73) MAKES NO MENTION OF ANOTHER



POTENTIAL SOURCE FO FUNDING, THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES  
FOUNDATION WHICH HAS LAUNCHED A COLLECTION DRIVE IN TURKEY.

D. EXPENDITURES FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING SUPPLEMENTAL  
FUNDS FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT) ACCOUNT FOR CLOSE TO 16 PERCENT OF  
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES IN 1973, CLIMBING TO 17.4 PERCENT 1974.  
THROUGH THIS RESPECTABLE LEVEL OF SPENDING FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT,  
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TURKEY IS MAKING CONSIDERABLE NATIONAL EFFORT TO FUND  
EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS. TURKEY, NONETHELESS  
CONTINUES TO PLACE HEAVY RELIANCE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR  
FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED NATO FORCE IMPROVEMENTS.

E. EXPENDITURES FOR AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES INCREASE IN  
MONETARY TERMS BY APPROXIMATELY 47 PERCENT OVER EACH YEAR IN  
THE PLANNING PERIOD. MILITARY PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES (INCLUDING  
PENSIONS) CLAIM SLIGHTLY OVER 50 PERCENT OF DEFENSE  
EXPENDITURES IN 1973 AND 1974. NO DETAILS BREAKOUTS OF  
EXPENDITURES ARE GIVEN FOR POST-1974 PERIOD.

F. SHARE OF GNP FOR DEFENSE IS ESTIMATED AT 5.4 PERCENT IN  
1973, DECLINING TO 5.1 PERCENT IN 1974. A FURTHER DECLINE IS  
PROJECTED IN REMAINING YEARS OF PLANNING PERIOD.

3. PROPOSED USNATO POSITION FOR MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION.  
USNATO AGAIN PLANS A LOW KEY APPROACH DURING MULTILATERAL  
EXAMINATION OF TURKISH FORCE PLANS, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR  
OCTOBER 30. WE PROPOSE TO:

A. COMPLIMENT TURKEY ON EFFORT TO NATIONALLY FUND A LARGE  
NUMBER OF MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS.

B. POINT OUT THAT LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN  
HELPING TURKEY IMPLEMENT MEASURES CALLED FOR BY THE NATO  
REPORT ON STRENGTHENING TURKISH LOCAL FORCES. THESE MEASURES  
AGAIN STRESSED IN THE SPRING AD-70 REPORT, INCLUDE A CALL FOR  
ASSISTANCE NOT ONLY IN THE FORM OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL  
BUT ALSO IN SUCH AREAS AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CO-PRODUCTION  
VENTURES, AND JOINT TRAINING PROGRAMS.

C. ASK FOR CLARIFICATION OF ARMY PERSONNEL SITUATION AND FOR  
A CLEAR IDENTIFICATION WHICH SHIPS ARE BEING ACQUIRED AS  
REPLACEMENT VESSELS AND WHICH AS ADDITIONS TO NAVAL FORCE  
STRUCTURE.

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